



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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"The oldest continuously operating Amateur Radio Club in the United States"

December 2013 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

January 10: Steve Curtis, ND9C, will give a presentation on transmitter hunting.

Highlights from the December Meeting:

This was the annual Christmas Dinner and meeting. The meeting was held at the Primo Banquet and Conference Center. After a great buffet style dinner, club president Dave Spoelstra, N9KT, thanked Chuck Crist, W9IH, for the speaker and location. He also thanked club treasurer Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, for finalizing all of the arrangements for the banquet. Alan Teller was the speaker on WW II gliders. Alan's uncle, Robert was a glider pilot in WW II. Both Robert and his wife passed away in their 30's, in the 1960's. Gliders started at the end of WW I, at the treaty of Versailles. Germany was prohibited from having powered aircraft. One of the companys that made the gliders was located in Elwood.

After Alan's great presentation, Dave thanked the officers and board of the club. Tom Chance, K9XV, talked about plans for the club's 100 year celebration. He went over the schedule for 2014 meetings (Detailed later in this newsletter). Lots of special events for next year. There will be no Christmas dinner next year. On October 10, 2014, there will be a 100th anniversary dinner.

Next, awards were presented. Steve Curtis, ND9C, was presented an award for hosting the weekly 220 net, with thought provoking questions each week.

Amateur of the Year was presented to Bob Osterhous, W9PSE. Bob was born in 1932, he became ham in 1950, and has mentored many, including his nephew, Tom Chance, K9XV.

The Oldest ham award went to Bob Begeman at 89 years young.

Two gift bags were presented to new hams that were present.

Dale Schieman, WB9YCZ, one of the lead techs of the W9ICE system, was presented the technical excellence award.

The evening's speaker, Alan Teller, was presented a Lowe's gift card in appreciation of his presentation.

Ham Radio News:

MARTY FRANK, N9JQG, SK

This was received from Mike Palmer, N9FEB:

It is with a saddened heart I pass along the news of the passing of N9JQG, Marty Frank. She was the wife of Tom Frank, N9JQH.

Marty helped out with several ham radio events for me along with Tom; included are the Geist Half-Marathon and 500 Festival Mini-Marathons.

Tom asked me to pass this information to all hams who may have known her.

IRC 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY EVENTS FOR 2014

January 10: 1914 to 1930 History of the Club

February 14: 1930 to 1950 History of the Club, along with Vintage Radio Night.

March 14: 1950 to 1970 History of the Club

April 11: 1970 to 1980 History of the Club

May 2: Indiana QSO Party Sponsor. Club station of W9JP/100 will be a bonus station.

May 9: 1980 to 1990 History of the Club

June 13: 1990 to 2000 History, along with annual auction

June 28 – 29: W9JP/100 Field Day at Camp Belzer

July 12: Special Display at Indianapolis Hamfest

July 17 – 19: ARRL 100th anniversary celebration
August 2: W9JP Picnic and Tailgate Hamfest at Camp Belzer
September 12: 2000 to 2014 History of the Club
October 10: 100th Year Dinner with ARRL speaker, W9JP/100 Special Event, and 1914 to 2014 History of the Club presentation.

UPCOMING CLASSES IN HENDRICKS COUNTY

Starting on January 29, 2014 at the Hendricks County Senior Citizens Building located at 1201 Sycamore Ln. in Danville, right behind the Hendricks Regional Hospital, will be ham radio classes. The classes run from 7pm-9pm, and cover all license classes. The class runs for 9 weeks and is free to take, but the cost for testing is \$12.00 (cash only, please). If you are interested in taking the class or if you are interested in helping out with the class, contact Jay Wright, KK9L, at 317-203-3335 for more information.

COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934 TO BE UPDATED

The US House Communications and Technology Subcommittee has announced plans for a multi-year effort to examine and update the Communications Act of 1934, the overarching law under which the FCC functions. The subcommittee, part of the US House Energy and Commerce Committee, is chaired by Oregon Republican Greg Walden, W7EQI. Walden and Energy and Commerce Committee Chair Fred Upton of Michigan made the announcement December 3.

"Today we are launching a multi-year effort to examine our nation's communications laws and update them for the Internet era," Upton said in a news release. "The United States has been the global leader in innovation and growth of the Internet, but unfortunately, our communications laws have failed to keep pace."

ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, noted that the most recent significant update of the Communications Act was in 1996. "Under the leadership of Greg Walden, the subcommittee and its staff are well equipped to take up the challenge," Sumner said. "The ARRL will be monitoring the work closely as it goes forward next year and beyond."

ARRL GRANTED USE OF W100AW FOR CENTENNIAL

The FCC has authorized the Maxim Memorial Station W1AW to also use the call sign W100AW during 2014, the ARRL's centennial year. Contacts made from the Maxim Memorial Station in Newington, from regional Centennial conventions, and during the IARU HF Championship will use W100AW, with portable designators as appropriate.

The "W1AW WAS" operations throughout 2014 from each of the 50 states will use W1AW, not W100AW.

Bulletins and code practice transmissions during 2014 also will still use W1AW. Contacts with W100AW will be worth 100 points in the ARRL Centennial QSO Party. To help kick off the ARRL Centennial, special W100AW activity will begin at 0500 UTC on January 1, 2014 (midnight in Newington), and will include participation in ARRL's Straight Key Night; one CW station will use Hiram Percy Maxim's straight key. Activity will continue throughout New Year's Day.

The ARRL Centennial activities are set to kick off January 1st. and there are some fun things involved. You might want to check out the whole schedule at:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/get-ready-the-arrl-centennial-qso-party-kicks-off-january-1>

TOKYO HY-POWER DECLARES BANKRUPTCY

Tokyo Hy-Power, a manufacturer of Amateur Radio amplifiers, antenna tuners, and other equipment, is in bankruptcy, and its plant, in Saitama Prefecture near Tokyo, has been shuttered. Telephones at the company no longer are being answered, and its Japanese website has been taken down, although the company's US website remains working. Company CEO/President Nobuki Wakabayashi, JA1DJW, founded Tokyo Hy-Power Labs in 1975. He blamed "the recent depression in the industrial RF power products area [which] has led to the very difficult financial position."

Details at <http://www.arrl.org/news/view/tokyo-hy-power-files-for-bankruptcy>

CHANGES FOR CQ COMMUNICATIONS

CQ Communications Inc has announced plans to realign its publications lineup and to launch a new online supplement to its flagship magazine, CQ Amateur Radio.

"The hobby radio market is changing," said CQ Communications President and Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, "and we are changing what we do and how we do it in order to continue providing leadership to all segments of the radio hobby."

Effective with the February 2014 issue of CQ, said Ross, content from the magazine's three sister publications — Popular Communications, CQ VHF and WorldRadio Online — will be incorporated into CQ's digital edition as a supplement to be called CQ Plus. The print editions of Popular Communications and CQ VHF will be phased out, and WorldRadio Online will no longer exist as a separate online publication. Current Popular Communications, CQ VHF and WorldRadio Online subscribers will be converted to CQ subscribers and receive CQ Plus at no additional charge. Details will be posted on each magazine's website.

More info at <http://www.arrl.org/news/cq-to-realign-publications-launch-digital-supplement>

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SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the December, 1976 *Amachewer*:

The FCC no longer needs to be told you are operating Mobile or Portable. This order has caused some problems as in DXCC where you get credit for working only fixed stations for credit. Also, you should make sure you have an active QTH so you can reply within ten days should you be cited for a violation. Deleted also is the need to identify your station as being Mobile or Portable, id, the SLANT/ is out.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- November 30: Evansville hamfest. More info at <http://w9ear.org/hamfest.htm>
- February 22, 2014: Brownsburg Hamfest. More info at http://hcars.org/sites/hcars.org/files/Brownsburg_Hamfest2014.pdf
- March 8: WVARA (Terre Haute) Hamfest. More info at <http://w9uuu.org/hamfest.html>

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